CHAPTER NO. 129

SENATE BILL NO. 2107

By Haynes

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2193

By Briley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-205, relative to training requirements for public safety dispatchers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-205, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:
 - (a) Regardless of agency or governmental jurisdiction, each emergency call taker or public safety dispatcher who receives an initial or transferred 911 call from the public is subject to the training and course of study requirements established by the emergency communications board created pursuant to § 7-86-302.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-205, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:
 - (c) Except as provided in subsection (e), beginning July 1, 2006, all emergency call takers or public safety dispatchers subject to the provisions of this section shall have successfully completed a course of study approved by the emergency communications board created pursuant to § 7-86-302.
- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-205, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:
 - (e) All emergency call takers and public safety dispatchers subject to the provisions of this section employed after July 1, 2006, shall have six (6) months from the date of their employment to comply with the provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 25, 2005

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2005

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR